



October Service
Sunday 5th October at 3 pm
Led by Revd. Kevin Hooke
Talking with Anne Middleton
Harvest gifts welcome
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We hope you can come

For our **November service** we welcome the Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt Revd James Grier to Poundsgate Chapel. This is on Sunday 2nd November at 3.00 pm. Please book the date.

Roadside windows Work to repair the woodwork of the chapel front windows is now largely complete. It is hoped that the repaired leaded windows will soon be installed.

Planning Meeting A Poundsgate planning meeting is due in September. The date is yet to be confirmed. The meeting to open to all those interested in the chapel and its services. Please let us know if you would like to attend.

Be strength to our hearts, O Love most powerful. Be goodness to our taste, O Love most sweet. Be life to our souls, O Love most dear. Be comfort and support to us, O Love most faithful. Be endurance and hope to us, O Love most victorious. Amen.

Gertrude of Helfta (1256-1302)

(From the Methodist Church website Daily Prayers)

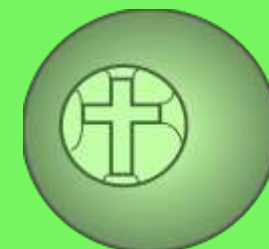
Rota This month it is the turn of Agnes, Sandy and Gill to prepare the chapel and provide refreshments after the service. In October it is the turn of Miffie and Michael. Thank you.

We are looking for someone to help provide tea/coffee and cake once every four months. If you would like to join the rota and help in this or another way, please let us know. Thank you.

Front photo: Fields adjacent to the chapel.

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Poundsgate Methodist Church



Teignbridge Circuit

Beside the main road from Ashburton to Tavistock about 1/2 mile on the moorland side of Poundsgate village (TQ13 7NY)



September 2025



September Service

Sunday 7th September at 3 pm

Led by Revd Kevin Hooke talking
with Carol and Dan Murray, who
head up Religious Studies at South
Dartmoor College

We hope you can join us

Dear friends,

As we meet in September it is the start of the new academic year – whether this makes any difference to you will depend on whether you are employed in education, are a parent or have grand-parenting duties, or whether you tend to go on holiday once children have returned to school.

As a local Mission Community, we have a relatively strong outreach to children and families: we employ Angie as our Families and Children Worker; in Ashburton we coordinate regular family-friendly worship between the Anglican and Methodist Churches; we have just run our latest holiday club; there are toddlers groups and churchyard trails; and film sessions at Holne. Out of all this, we are creating a community of families who feel connected both to the church and to each other in a way that I seldom see elsewhere.

In addition, for many years we have sustained a chaplaincy at South Dartmoor Community College. Most recently Angie has started a Christian Union at the college, whilst a few of us have attended some of the RS (Religious Studies) classes.

Many people wonder about what RS and assemblies are like these days, and I have heard many comments over the years to the effect that 'it is not like it used to be when I was at school.' Well, no, it is probably not, but then not much else is as it was 'back then'!

**Please be sure to stay for tea/coffee
and cake after the service**

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This month, Carol and Dan Murray, who head up RS at South Dartmoor College, are joining us for our worship at Poundsgate, so we'll have the opportunity to hear at first-hand what religious education is like in a contemporary secondary school, and engage with some of its joys and challenges. It was Carol who first contacted Jenny and me about the possibility of supporting some of the GCSE curriculum and starting a Christian Union, so I am delighted that she and Dan are able to come to share in our worship.

Look forward to seeing you if you can make it.

Every blessing, Kevin

Visit to Exminster Friends from Ashburton/Poundsgate joined with the Exminster congregation for an uplifting service earlier in August. It was during the pandemic that this annual united service started with an open air service at Exminster. This year the service was led by Sue Jones with great musical support from Trevor, Nancy and Roger. The weather being ideal, many people stayed afterwards for a picnic on the church lawn in the shade of the liquidambar tree.

*For October, I have invited Anne Middleton to join us, who is heading up an art installation focusing on homelessness around the District later in the month, so **if we bring items suitable for Food Banks, we can combine Harvest with a mindfulness of the needs of others, and Anne can talk about her work and project.** Kevin*
